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[REUTERS SERVICE.]

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

LONDON, July 7.

There are rumours in the Lobby that the Admiralty contemplates a decisive step regarding the strained relations existing between Lord Charles Beresford and the naval authorities.

AEROPLANE CONTEST.

LONDON, July 7.

The aeroplanists Farman and Bleriot competed in Paris for a prize of ten thousand francs for the first aeroplane flying for a quarter of an hour. Mr Farman flew for twenty minutes, covering eleven miles.

Henry Farman Wins with a Passenger.

Barcelona, May 30.—At Ghent this morning Henry Farman won the sporting bet which he made in Paris at a recent dinner of the Aero Club with M. Chazotte, that before the season ended he would fly more than a kilometre with a passenger on board his aeroplane.

The morning was calm when the aeroplane was brought out with Mr Archdeacon mounted in it with Mr Farman. Notice of the attempt to win the bet had been given to the officials of the Belgian Aero Club, and judges were placed at short distances from each other to watch that the apparatus did not at any moment touch the ground during the flight.

When the motor was set to working the machine rose easily in the air with the two passengers and a flight of 1,241 metres executed with apparent ease, the height of the machine from the ground being about seven metres.

Several automobilists sought to follow the aeroplane in flight in their cars, but it did not descend to them.

After the flight the various judges met and agreed that Mr Farman had fairly and squarely won the bet of 12,000 francs, with M. Chazotte and he was heartily congratulated last evening.

Mr Farman had already made an attempt to win the bet with Mr Archdeacon as a passenger, but the aeroplane rose only for a short distance. Mr Farman then decided to remove his petrol tank, which holds thirty litres, and carry only a small reservoir with enough for a kilometre flight. Thus lightened the apparatus was provided with extra lifting power to carry the two men.

THE NAVAL DISSENTIONS.

LONDON, July 7.

The naval dissensions are the general theme of the newspapers whose comments are of the most free description. Some urge the supersession of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, failing his resignation, while others denounce the anti-Beresford intrigue by little navies.

PARAGUAY.

LONDON, July 7.

Doctor Naveiro, late Vice-President of the Republic of Paraguay, has been proclaimed President, with practically the powers of a dictator. The causes and details of the revolution are obscure.

PERSIA.

LONDON, July 7.

The Times' Tehran correspondent wires that Russia strongly supports the British demand for reparation on account of the disrespect shown to the British Legation, and for which the Shah has already made a substantial apology.

Sir Edward Grey, replying to a question by Mr Dillon in the House of Commons, said that he had protested against the placing of troops around the Legation at Tehran, and he hoped that the matter would be satisfactorily adjusted but it was not yet concluded.

Owing to dullness in the camphor markets abroad, the Formosan Government estimates a decrease of revenue of about £2,000,000 this year. The original estimate placed the revenue at ¥3,360,000.

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CHANGSHA, HUNAN.

(From Our Correspondent.)

June 26, 1908.

SHIPPING.

It is rumoured that the China Merchants S. N. Co. intend to put a steamer on the Hankow-Changsha run. It seems strange that they have not done so before, as trade is and has for several months been, very brisk, steamers taking away all the rice they can carry. At present there are five steamers running regularly every week, three British and two Japanese.

ANOTHER OPEN PORT IN HUNAN.

It is believed that the Chinese wish to open another port in Hunan, and Changsha has been suggested. It is a city and is an important trade centre, supplying, as it does, the whole north of the province. The Japanese steamer "Shangkang," which is at present running to Changsha from Hankow, under Inland Steam Navigation Rules, and a substantial Japanese Government subsidy—always manages to get a good cargo, both import and export. But the Yuan river is very shallow, and six months of the year is closed to steam navigation. However, I suppose, it is the best that can be done, as to open Shanghai would almost mean the closing of Changsha, and a steady river bed renders approach to Hankow always dangerous; and, for many months of the year, impossible.

RAILWAY AFFAIRS.

Mr R. St. George Moore, Superintendent Engineer of the Hankow City Waterworks, who has recently been appointed by the Hupoh Viceroy, Engineer-in-Chief of the Hupoh section of the Hankow-Canton Railway, paid us a visit early in this month. He had just come overland from Hongkong after having invested into the work done on the southern sections, and just took a run up to Changsha to learn first-hand what is being done there, where matters seem to be about reached a crisis. Last year, it will be remembered, the Peking Government purchased the Pinghsiang Coal Mine line, from Pinghsiang to Chueh on the Siang River, about 60 miles south of Changsha. The river at Chueh is, it seems, very shallow, necessitating the use of small craft to bring the coal from the railway down nearly to Changsha, where it is transhipped into larger junks for transport down river. Now, this transshipment is said to be responsible for a very material deterioration in the quality of the coal, and it has recently been decided, to extend the Pinghsiang-Chueh line, to about 40 miles—bringing it within 20 miles of Changsha—to a point where the larger boats will be able to take the coal direct to Hankow. This extension was to have been built by the province, and Mr Ross, formerly Surveying Engineer on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, has been at work for some time surveying the proposed route. Now, it appears, the Central Government have stepped in and declare their intention to build the line themselves. Their representative arrived some time ago, and a German Engineer of the Pinghsiang Mines has, I learn, been appointed Chief Surveying Engineer. It is also reported that steps have been taken to secure the necessary land, so that the Peking Government would really seem to have started work in earnest. The Yuh-Han Railway people are naturally distressed and feeling that, as this new line is really to form part of the Hunan section of the Hankow-Canton Railway, the Central Government have no right to build the line. That their case is a good one was admitted when we remonstrated that this is really part of the route surveyed by Mr Barclay Parsons, Chief Engineer of the original American China Development Company, and as we know, when the American contract was eventually cancelled, and Viceroy Tsen had been forced to yield to the people's demand for the formation of a Chinese Joint Stock Company to build the line, in preference to the construction of a Government undertaking, it was understood that all the rights of the Development Company were to be enjoyed by this new Chinese Company. It might also be remarked that the Canton-Hankow Railway Company have every right to claim the option, granted to the American Company, of taking over, at some future date, the Pinghsiang-Chueh branch line. That the line has since been constructed, scarcely nullifies the original agreement, because prior to the execution of the agreement with the American Company, arrangements had already been made with Captain Rich for the construction of this 66 mile line and part had actually been constructed. In any case the Peking Government's decision to build this so-called "extension"—which is really to be a part of the Hankow-Canton Railway proper, and which will run through the heart of a great rice growing country—has naturally aroused the indignation of the Yuh-Han Railway Company. This matter stands at present. Meanwhile Mr Ross, for the Province, and the Pinghsiang Coal Mine and the German Engineer, for the Central Government, are busy at their surveying work. This latter appointment, by the way, would appear to be contrary to the understanding, for the appointment of British Engineers, arrived at with the Hongkong Government when the loan of £1,350,000 which bought out the American China Development Company, was negotiated. The appointment of Mr St. George Moore in Hupoh, Mr Ross in Hunan, and Messrs McDonald and Jordan—both Canadians—on the Kwangtung section, shows, however, that this understanding is not being ignored by those who have the right to build the whole line. Whoever builds this extension,

it is certain that it will soon be an absolute necessity. For the increased output, which recent improvements in the Hankow Iron Works have rendered possible, it is expected that double the present supply of coal will be required; and, of course, it is only from Sheng Kung Pao's Pinghsiang mines that the Hankow Iron Works can draw these supplies!

CHINESE JUSTICE.

While the Chinese are talking about China's foreign rights and demanding the abolition of extrajurisdiction, they are every day affording ample proof to those who deny the suggestion to rob the foreigner in China of the one safeguard which preserves him from the injustice and rapacity of Chinese Judges. Some time ago a man named Wang was brought before the tribunal of "justice" here, charged with the atrocious crime of having been the go-between in the sale of some land within the city to an American Kongsong Oil Company. The stern hand of Chinese "justice" certainly fell heavy on this poor old man of 64 years of age. Though the foreign firm which purchased the land was good enough to cancel the agreement, Wang was detained in prison—ostensibly on some newly trumped-up charge of a misdemeanor, of which he was supposed to have been guilty in his youthful days—and now, I hear, he has been in prison from the dreadful treatment he received. Wang had been sentenced to five years imprisonment. He was placed in a dark filthy dungeon, into which the sun's rays never penetrated, and his food and feet were heavily bound with chains, which, however, subsequently removed on payment, by the family, of \$70. He lived altogether only three months in the awful prison. The family was compelled to pay \$50 to get the body. The case was an interesting one as it seems that he was charged at the instigation of a petty river police official (Wang lived on a small river) who was not satisfied with a \$200 commission out of the \$1000 commission earned by Wang as go-between, but demanded half or \$500. Surely a good many years have yet to run before Foreign Governments will agree to abolish that extra-territoriality which saves their nationals from such summary "justice" as this.

OUR FOREIGN COMMUNITY. has considerably divided in numbers during the past fortnight, nearly the whole missionary section having migrated to Kungling for the summer months. Prof. Williams of Yale University, son of Dr. Williams of "Middle Kingdom" and a long-time resident, spent some days with us last month. The students of Yale support a large college and hospital here, and the University is now a very happy in its choice of professors and doctors for this, its only Chinese Mission.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OPERA CO.

(To the Editor of THE CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—It was announced in a recent issue of your paper that the guarantee list for the Italian Opera Company is still some \$5,000 short of the required amount. Considering the time that it has been before the public this means that it will not be filled up and that the Company will not come to Hongkong. When the list was first opened some of us had an argument, and a consequent bet was made that the amount required would not be subscribed. \$1,000 per performance means roughly 334 persons at \$3 per seat. Can it be true that there are not 334 people in Hongkong who are far enough of good music to attend 12 performances of grand opera with a change of programme every night? If 12 consecutive doses of this kind of medicine are too much for played-out blasé Hongkongites, why do not parties of friends arrange amongst themselves, one of them signing for the entire amount and the season tickets to be distributed amongst the party in any pre-arranged manner? Incidentally I may mention that I am in no way connected with this company, but I would like to see it come here.—Yours, etc.,

AMOI NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMOI, July 3.

KULANGSU LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

An animated tournament has been in progress for some weeks, "Gentlemen's Doubles." It was hindered for some time owing to heavy rains, but the finer weather of the past week enabled it to be brought to a successful termination this afternoon. The finals were Messrs Wallace and Wales against Messrs Wyllie and Giles, both at scratch, and the pairs were most evenly matched, so much so that each won a set by 7 games to five, and the final set was won by Wallace and Wales by the same number, after a hotly contested series of games, most of which were deuce games. The issue was in doubt up to the last, and the play was most interesting, some of the rallies being most prolonged and showing excellent play on both sides. Nearly all the Foreign population of the Port was gathered on the Tennis Lawn to witness the contest, which was most exciting and enjoyable all the way through.

THE AMERICAN GALA DAY.

To-morrow is the redoubtable 4th of July, but it will pass in Amoy with less éclat than usual owing to the change of American Consuls. Mr Arnold being too recent an arrival to make it possible to hold a general reception, as has sometimes been the case in years gone by.

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MACAO.

(From Our Correspondent.)

MACAO, July 8.

Far and away a most salient feature of local economy was the lottery of the "Santa Casa"—da Misericórdia do Macao—which collapsed some four months ago, presumably under the same high handed pressure that has been hurrying on the fortunes of the Colony to rack and ruin, seemingly unconscious of the suicidal trend of its own shortsighted policy.

Though bearing directly on the commonwealth the welfare of the said lottery will appear indirectly to all the charitably inclined.

Some 20 years ago the forenamed Association initiated this venture by way of relieving the strain on its meagre resources which had then reached their lowest ebb. Of late years it has been a very familiar and welcome byword in every corner and corner of the Far East and the scrupulous conduct of the monthly drawings would have reassured the most exacting of investors that the credit of the concern was unquestioned.

For the edification of the outsider who has probably little more than a hazy notion of the run of some charitable undertaking or other it would perhaps be interesting to outline the scope of the operations of this philanthropic body, to help him gauge the wide range of benevolent aims which look to the Santa Casa for support and the vast outlay entailed in consequence, to which the lottery has supplied the most potent element in the sources of revenue.

Paradoxical though it may appear at first blush the material well-being of the destitute and the forlorn in Macao improved check by check with the gradual decline in the revenues of the Colony; for the lottery had turned out a decided success eclipsing all other ventures run on similar lines in the Orient, till the indiscriminate increase in taxation sealed its doom!

But thanks to the untiring efforts of the Board of Directors, the long-pending revival of this maiesty of the needy and the suffering has at last received official sanction.

The Santa Casa has to look to the upkeep of several hospitals, refuges, asylums and workhouses where the sick, the infirm, the aged, the insane, and lepers are tended—puppers gratuitously, irrespective of nationality or creed; and many an alien stranded on these shores has had cause enough to bless through life this institution. The Santa Casa further supplies indigent scholars with books and other school requisites and last but not least, it provides lavish subsidies to public schools.

Is it asking too much, in a Colony like this, that the home Government should, to put it very mildly, allow Charity a free hand? Veritas exp.

Considerable interest was aroused over the last elections, and at writing the Board of Directors for the ensuing 12 months from 1st inst. stands as below:

Provocador: Captain E. C. Lourenco.
Secretary: Mr H. Nolasco da Silva.
Treasurer: Mr F. X. Remedios.
Revid. J. da Rosa.
Mr F. X. A. da Silva.

It is gratifying to note that the select few on whom the choice has fallen to handle the reins of this benevolent institution are men who appear alive to their mission.

To the credit of H. E. the Officer administering the Government Captain F. Diogo de Souza, he it is said that a mild impulse for the better is sensible in certain quarters. Public works that have long been shelved and other minor improvements that very high staved through lack of funds or adequate support have lately been taken in hand with some semblance of earnest.

Our popular Chief of Staff Captain Damiao Meneses replaces Dr Lello as Colonial Secretary General.

A river gumbot built by Messrs Yarrow and Co. of Glasgow and destined for the patrol of the waters of the Colony, is expected here in the near future.

The Bishop of Macao, Dom Toao Panlino d'Azevedo Castro, returned to the colony on 30th ult. after a somewhat lengthy sojourn in the metropolis, looking all the fitter for his furlough.

A volunteer corps is being organized and young blood appears now and then to help swell the numbers.

The unexpected death of Mr J. A. Pacheco at the early age of 28 has cast a cloud of gloom over the Colony. He was Chinese interpreter to the Portuguese Consulate General at Canton. Besides a host of friends, his loss is mourned by a young widow and two cherub boys.

Echoes from Shanghai are teeming with the varieties of the Portuguese Consul General at that point. It would appear it was high time specialists were called in and the case of the poor gentleman taken seriously in hand.

A war of general satisfaction has followed on the receipt of intelligence from Timor that the Governor, Senhor José Celestino da Silva, has been recalled. His removal opens out a coming era of most promising possibilities. He is succeeded by Captain Eduardo Marques da Costa, at one time A.D.C. to Governor Galvardo of this Colony. Little is known of his governing skill—but he is known to be a man of administrative abilities may not fail the governors; what they lack is a fair allowance of executive capacity.

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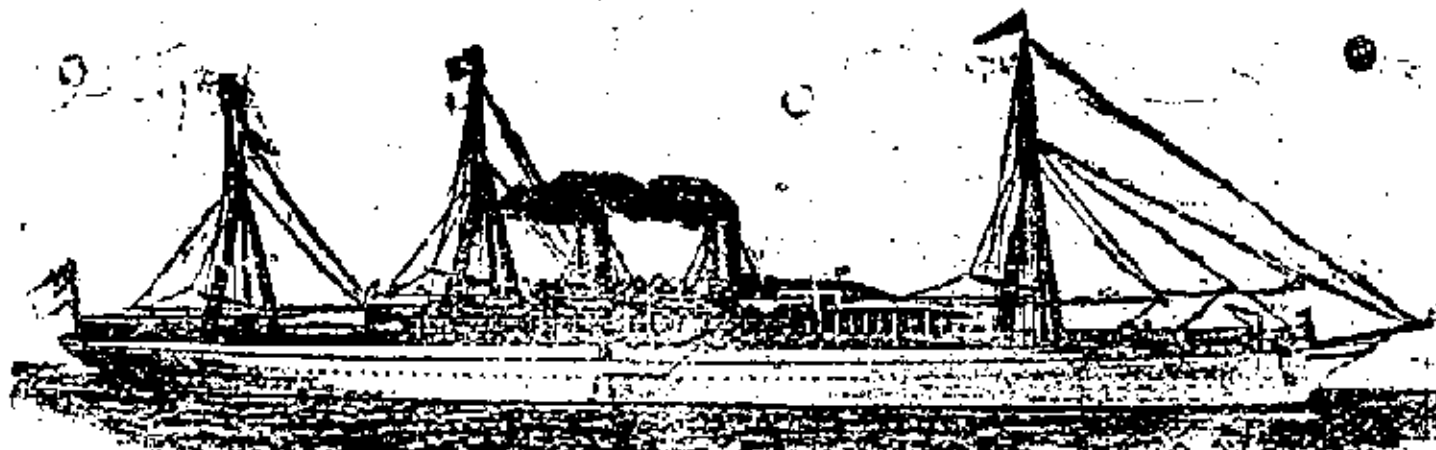
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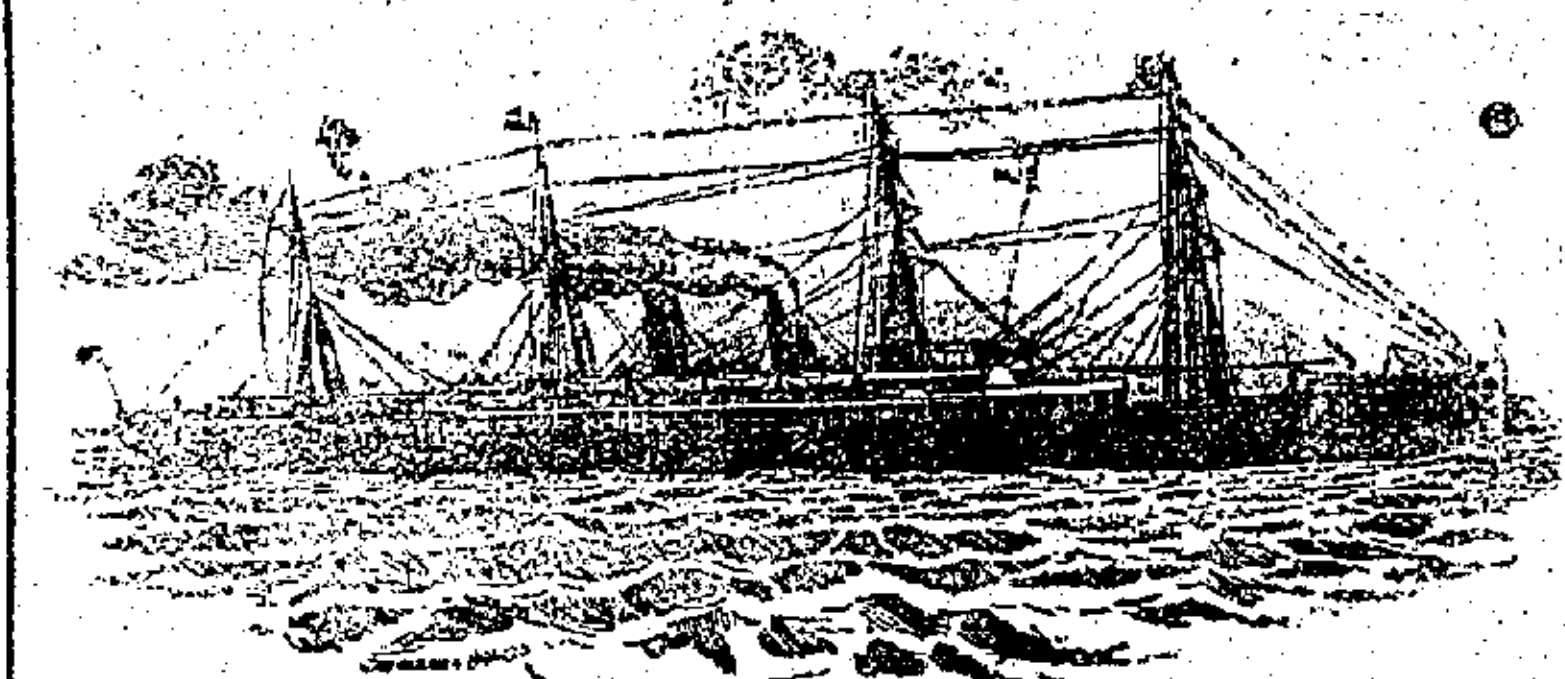
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niture at 'The Homestead,' No. 45,

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WEDNESDAY, July 15.—

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Noon—Auction of Household Property,

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THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

CRIMES are apt to say that a matter

which a responsible Government de-

clares it will take in hand without

delay, is not likely to engage public

attention for a decade or so. This is,

of course, the exaggeration which en-

livens speech but it is certainly true

that Governments are much more slow

about carrying out necessary works

than would be private individuals or

firms in similar circumstances. In

September, 1906—as most readers

know—one of the most disastrous

typhoons experienced since Hongkong

craft could find refuge therein. To-

day the Causeway Bay Refuge is still

less serviceable—no attempt has been

made, as far as our knowledge goes

(though there has been talk about it),

to dredge this, the one spot to which

small craft can fly in time of stress.

Professions of anxiety to preserve the

life and property of the floating popu-

lation we have seen but not one single

earnest effort to make conditions

better than they were two years ago.

Plain speaking in this Colony is desir-

able occasionally, if only for a change.

We would ask the Government two

straight questions. Did the Govern-

ment, after the typhoon of September,

1906, declare that it would create

better provision for the shelter of

small craft? That is question one.

The second is: If a typhoon of the

strength of that of September, 1906,

struck the Colony to-day, even after due

warning, would the small craft be in

any much better position than they

were in September, 1906? We can

answer the questions ourselves. The

answer to the first is in the affirmative.

But to the latter a plain negative is in-

sufficient and misleading. Not only

are the unfortunate men and women

who live their lives on the bosom of the

harbour in no better a position than in

1906, but they are infinitely worse off.

A trip on the tram to Causeway Bay

will show any doubter that the refuge

is so silted up that it is practically use-

less. We do not care to use extravagant

expressions, but if we said that to let the

Causeway Bay Refuge—the only refuge

that will be available for years to come

—to become practically useless to the

bulk of the small craft showed criminal

negligence on the part of the Govern-

ment, we doubt whether we would be

exceeding the bounds of fair criticism.

Having said this we decline, for the

present, to go into the arguments pro

and con the schemes now tardily ad-

vanced by the Government. The im-

mediate necessity is to dredge the

Causeway Bay Refuge. When we hear

that that is done we will be prepared

to discuss schemes for future require-

ments.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The example of Taft? An American

lady who passed through Shanghai re-

cently said that she thought Shanghai

the loveliest place she had ever visited.

"It is no slight cause for rejoicing,"

says the "Japan Evangelist" of June 24

"that the recent elections (in Japan)

resulted in the choice of twice as many

Christians as before, the number now being

14."

General Sir Charles Brownlow has

been appointed Field-Marshal. General

Brownlow had a distinguished military

career between 1848 and 1872. He too

part in the second China War and was

with the troops at the occupation of Peking.

According to a Tokyo dispatch, the

net income of the Japanese Tobacco

Monopoly Bureau from the beginning of

the year to the 10th ultimo was ¥7,500,000,

an increase of ten per cent. over that for

the corresponding period of 1907.

"I got drunk and had no intention of

deserting," was the excuse put forward by

James Thomson, at the Magistracy, this

morning, when he was charged with desert-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The tin output of the Western Siamese

States of the Malay Peninsula in 1907

was roughly 2,662 tons of tin slabs, valued at

£442,954.

Mr. Okabe, the Japanese Consul at

Mukden, has lodged with the Viceroy of

Mukden a strong protest against the dis-

turbances by the Chinese ruffians on the

Yalu.

According to a Peking telegram

received by the "Mainichi," the Chinese

Government will probably establish in the

course of the Autumn a school for the

teaching of economics and financial matters.

All the teachers will be English.

To-day, the case of Leong Hai Nam

and others against Reuter, Brockelmann

and Co., at the Supreme Court, reached

its eighth day of hearing. Further

evidence was called for the defence and

the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

The amount of gold exported from

Pahang during the month of May was 991

ounces, and the total quantity exported

during the first five months of the current

year was 6,275.60 ounces. The duty

collected amounted to \$5,569.62.

The "Straits Echo" says that a sum

of \$5,000 has been wired to Hongkong for

the Canton Flood Relief Fund by the Can-

tonese Merchants at Penang, and that a

further sum of \$10,000 has been contrib-

uted by Mr. Leong Fee for the same

purpose.

The following story is going the

round:—Superstitious people are flocking

to Duttapukur, India, to view a strange

date palm, measuring twenty-five feet,

which stands erect in the day-time, but

with the decline of the sun bends so far

down that its leaves touch the ground.

A telegram, dated June 19, reported

that Mr. John Burns, President of the

Local Government Board, was suffering

from an internal strain, caused by an

extreme effort to liberate a man pinned

between two motor-cars. A later telegram

stated that his condition was improved.

Mr. Justice Gompertz gave judgment

for the plaintiff for \$3, each side to pay

their own costs, at the Supreme Court,

this afternoon, in the part heard case in

which Li Ping sued Sang Lee for \$500 for

alleged damage and trespass, at Muti

Quarry.

If the penalty for throwing bombs and

the like is mild, says the "Dombay

Gazette," what shall we say of that held

out to the pressmen who incite to murder

and outrage? The abettor is popularly

regarded as worse than the criminal, and

had this been made a capital offence we

should have offered no objection.

A grand promenade concert is to be

held on Saturday evening, June 18, com-

mencing at 9.15 p.m. on the Volunteer</

